

SENATE RESOLUTION 148  
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rebecca Lynn Pierce  
upon being named Central High School Teacher  
of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those  
outstanding professionals who have dedicated their careers to providing the highest quality  
education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Lynn Pierce is most assuredly one such superlative professional,  
as she has recently been named Teacher of the Year at Central High School in Knox County;  
and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is sponsored by the Central High School Future  
Teachers of America, which is headed by Central High School Faculty Representative Gordon  
Sisk; Ms. Pierce received the majority vote of the 1,400 members of the Central High School  
student body to earn acclaim as Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Pierce graduated from the University of Tennessee, and has been  
teaching United States History, Geography, and Film Studies at Central High School since  
January of 2005; and

WHEREAS, though her interests are many and diverse, Rebecca Pierce ultimately  
chose the challenges of a career in teaching, so that she might be a positive and beneficial  
influence in the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pierce views teaching as a calling, not a job, and her greatest reward in  
teaching is watching a student master a new concept or skill and understand that this  
knowledge is part of a continual process of learning that will empower and enrich his or her life;  
and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments notwithstanding, Rebecca Pierce is most grateful for the love and continued support of her family, friends, and colleagues, especially her parents, Bo and Lavonne Pierce; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pierce is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Pierce truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Rebecca Lynn Pierce upon being named Teacher of the Year at Central High School in Knox County, recognize her stalwart dedication to her students and her community, and offer our heartfelt wishes for every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.